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## **Councilmember Chu Celebrates Asian Pacific American Heritage Month**

*The City of San José Proclaims the month of May as APA Heritage Month*

(San José, CA) – On Tuesday, May 4, 2010, Councilmember Kansen Chu, together with Mayor Reed, Councilmembers Ash Kalra and Madison Nguyen, and the rest of the City Council proclaimed the month of May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in the City of San José.

The month of May is celebrated throughout our nation as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month to honor the innumerable contributions and cultural heritage of nearly 13 million Asian Pacific Islanders who have helped build a strong and vibrant America.

“Asian Pacific Americans have made innumerable accomplishments toward the betterment of our community,” said Chu. “Their values and commitment to family and community have helped shape and strengthen the City of San José and our country as a whole.”

In June 1977, Representative Norman Y. Mineta of California introduced a House resolution to proclaim the first 10 days of May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Week. In 1990, Congress voted to expand the celebration to an entire month. Since then, many organizations in the Bay Area and the country celebrate and commemorate the collective accomplishments of Asian Pacific American communities through a wide array of events.

In honor of the 2010 Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, Councilmember Chu invited the Chinese Historical Cultural Project (CHCP) to accept the City’s proclamation on behalf of all Asian Pacific Americans in the City of San José.

CHCP is comprised of volunteers and was founded in 1987 as a non-profit organization to promote and preserve Chinese American and Chinese history and culture through community outreach activities.

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